

Approved Feb. 22, 2018

**Town Meeting Coordinating Committee
Minutes for February 9, 2018, 3:30 – 5:30 PM
Bangs Center, Glass Room**

Present: Peggy Roberts, Alan Powell, Barbara Ford, Chris Riddle, Patricia Holland, Jacqueline Maidana, Mary Streeter

Peggy Roberts called the meeting to order at 3:15 PM.

1. **Public Comment:** None.
2. **Review of Minutes:** We approved the minutes of Nov. 30, 2017; Jan. 8, 2018; and Jan. 30, 2018.
3. **Meet the Candidates Event:** **A.** The League of Women Voters event to meet Town-wide candidates will be held March 15th at 7 PM at the Amherst Middle School. **B.** For the Meet the Candidates for Town Meeting event sponsored by TMCC, the hosts for each precinct will be: Prec. 1: Adrienne Terrizzi; 2. Chris Riddle; 3. Alan Powell; 4. Pat DeAngelis; 5. Michael Greenebaum; 6. Patricia Holland; 7. Barbara Ford; 8. Laura Quilter; 9. Chris Riddle; 10. Alan Powell. Adrienne Terrizzi and Barbara will arrange for the League to supply the moderators. A one-hour training meeting for the hosts and moderators will be needed, and the time, date, and place need to be set.
4. **Planning TMCC Events Leading to Town Meeting:** Pat reserved the UMass bus for the bus trip (if needed) for Sunday, April 15th, 1:45-4 PM. The warrant discussion meetings are set. We need to reserve a room for the Orientation Meeting before Town Meeting, preferably the Arts Integration Room at the Middle School. Chris Riddle will get the room, which should sit 40 people. The Warrant Discussion in the Town Room will be led by Peggy, Alan will manage the TV.
5. **TMCC Subcommittee Work:** The SPP subcommittee will meet Feb. 13 and 20 to discuss the Meet the Candidates event and new topics.

6. **Town Meeting Advisory Committee:** We discussed whether TMCC can hold a general meeting about the TMAC and get people to run for it. We need a handout titled "We Need You!". Barbara will call the town moderator about this matter. The topic needs to be raised at both the candidates' meetings and at the warrant discussion. We need to have nomination forms and information sheets available. We proposed a public meeting date of Tuesday, March 13th, and Chris will check if that date works for others. We also need a list of the current Town Committees that people could monitor.
7. **Publicity for Events and Information:** We need a publicity sheet for ourselves that includes the names of contacts at newspapers and radio stations. A Facebook page for our own Committee was suggested.
8. **Website and Listserv:** Mary will bring a copy of the contact information she compiled on TM candidates to our next meeting.
9. **Items Not Anticipated 48 Hours Before Meeting:** Peggy handed out three documents from the Select Board on revised rules for remote participation at town discussions.
10. **Meeting Schedule:** The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 22nd, at 3 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 PM.

Minutes submitted by Patricia Holland, Clerk

Documents Distributed:

Agenda

Draft TMCC minutes for Nov. 30, 2017; Jan. 8, 2018, and Jan. 30, 2018

TMCC Calendar of events 2018 February-April

Three documents from the Select Board on revised rules for remote participation at town discussions.